

plished. We have missions established in Chicago, Dayton and Washington. Let these be supported by districts thro the National Board as follows: Pennsylvania, and Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia Conferences, Washington; Ohio Conference, with perhaps some aid from Pennsylvania and Indiana, Dayton; Indiana, Illiokota and the western Conferences, Chicago. Let this work be done economically, but thoroughly, so as to keep the missions open and prospering. *Then let the entire brotherhood concentrate its forces and make one supreme effort to secure a house of worship for the Washington City Mission*, and our word for it, in twelve months Brother Lyon and his flock will worship God under their own vine and fig tree. That will mean the permanent establishment of one thing, and that done we can turn our attention to Dayton and Chicago. Let us do this brethren, and the year 1900 will see a Brethren church in Washington, in Dayton and in Chicago.

A Better Church Literature

In these days of universal intelligence and wide information, no cause can flourish which is not supported and illustrated by a literature superior to the ordinary tests of verbal and philosophical criticism. Particularly is this true of moral reforms, and of all religious work on denominational lines. Moral reforms and denominational enterprises do not readily find favor with the populace. They win their way with difficulty. It is with a persistent and perpetual elaboration of reasons, illustrations, authorities and appeals that they conquer that comparative measure of popular approval and acceptance which justifies the claim of success.

The propaganda of a church is its most important function. It lives to extend the knowledge, belief and practice of its doctrines. The fact that it holds certain doctrines received by divine revelation essential to human happiness implies a fundamental responsibility to disciple and enlighten others. This conclusion follows from that charity which is the soul of religion, and is moreover enforced by express command. No other religious duty has a more emphatic sanction. If we have the light, there is one moral necessity,—let it shine by every method indicated by revelation, by Providence and by experience. The doctrines of the Christian religion are paramount. They are the chart of eternal salvation. They discover the strait gate and the narrow way, so much hidden behind the inextricable confusion of discordant creeds and voluminous sophistry. They are to be proclaimed to the ends of the world.

The great command is to PREACH. Print is preach writ large. Next to the support of the pulpit it is the highest interest and the profoundest wisdom of the church to support its publishing enterprises. Its books, pamphlets and periodicals should reflect its high-

est, brightest scholarship. Pastors should find, or rather they should provide a church literature so cogent, so scholarly, so bright in style and thorough in elaboration as to be the most efficient auxiliary in their work. Pastors can not separate the interests of the local church and the Publishing House. The pastor who is most alive to the growth of his own church in grace, in knowledge, in numbers and beneficent labors will be most anxious for the volume and vigor of the denominational literature. Pamphlets, books and papers setting forth the doctrines of the church must be convincing and unanswerable. Then there are the children of the church. The best and none less than the best should be provided for them.

Until we have a strong denominational literature; until the Publishing House has the united patronage and support of the entire church, all other interests and enterprises of the church must remain more or less crippled. We may establish missions and found colleges, but neither will bear lasting fruit nor accomplish successful evangelization, until the church has learned to put its best brain, its brightest scholarship, and its money into a literature that will prove a tower of strength and a mighty force in the propagation of the great principles of the gospel which make the Brethren church a separate organization. Publication should have the strongest support and most consummate management. Let this most valuable and yet much neglected interest claim the first care of the coming conference.

If we love the church, if we aspire to secure for it a great future; if we wish to see it expand into national and international extent and influence, if we desire to bequeath to succeeding generations denominational institutions which crystalize the highest and most efficient methods of co-operative energy, if we hope to see the spirit and genius of the church embodied in literary forms which will impress it indelibly upon the thought of this and succeeding generations, let us put an end to the halting, sickly, inadequate, crippled patronage of our Publishing House, and at once give it that organization and equipment, and that financial grounding which is essential to its highest usefulness and most complete success.

Personal Mention

Brother W. D. Furry is away from home taking lectures in Systematic Theology.

Brother C. A. Beal sends us \$3.05 mission money from the North Liberty Sunday school. No, it is not too late, brother. Thanks.

The address of Brother Tombaugh, until time of Conference, will be Washington, Pa., where he spends his vacation with his parents.

Sister Keim writes that the school at Gratis, Ohio, raised \$3.00 for missions, July 17. The collection was taken at a missionary entertainment.

Write to Brother Yoder for information concerning the conference. He knows all about it, and his heart "aches" to impart information to his brethren, sisters also, if you please.

Brother Marcus Witter is getting well started in his work at Jones Mills, Pa. He writes that the brethren in Mt. Pleasant have rented a hall and will have regular services hereafter.

Just as we went to press we received a communication from Brother Shively, accompanied by a large circular announcing the yearly camp meeting of California. The announcement will be published next week.

Brother J. C. Cassel is expected at Ashland, August 8. As Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, he will, with the aid of the records kept at this office, make up his financial report to be presented at the coming conference.

On Tuesday, August 2, Brother Copp and family of Dayton, Ohio, left for their home in Virginia, where they will spend a few weeks' vacation. Brother Copp expects to be present at the Northfield Bible School sometime during the month.

Those interested will please note that the time of the Kanemorado Conference has been changed to August 20, owing to the change in the time of the National Conference. Brother Forney calls attention to this change in another column.

Brother Myers, Berlin, writes that work is going along nicely in his charge. He has been instrumental in organizing a new Sunday school, using our literature. He also announces revival meetings to be held at two of his mission points after harvest.

On page two of the cover will be found an announcement by Brother Worst which may interest many of our readers. He makes a special offer to readers of this paper. The proposition is eminently fair, as the goods are sold purely on their own merits. Brother Worst is an honorable man and will do what he says.

Sister Nancy Livengood, mother of Mrs. A. D. Gnagey, and member of the German Baptist church, died at her home, Elk Lick, Pa., last Thursday, July 28. After many weeks of severe suffering she passed away in the triumphs of a living faith in a personal Savior. Among her large circle of friends and relatives, many are readers of the EVANGELIST.

Ignorance, which in matters of morals, extenuates the crime, is itself, in intellectual matters, a crime of the first order.

How to Reach Winona Park

Just now our people are interested in the question, "How to reach Winona Park." While there are two roads to Warsaw, there is but one to the Park and that one the Pennsylvania line. The most direct route and the most convenient way for at least nine tenths of our people to reach Winona Park is the Pennsylvania road. Starting at Chicago, or even west of Chicago, you can go right direct to the Park. The delegation from the east has but one practical road, the one above mentioned. Most of our people from the east gather at Pittsburg, and from there they can go to the Park without change of cars. All regular trains stop at the Park. The Pennsylvania line has a depot at the very gate of the Park, where baggage is checked to all points along the road. In point of equipment and management the Pennsylvania road has no equal in America, if in the world. Any farther information will be freely given by C. L. Kimball, 149 Superior Street, Cleveland, Ohio.